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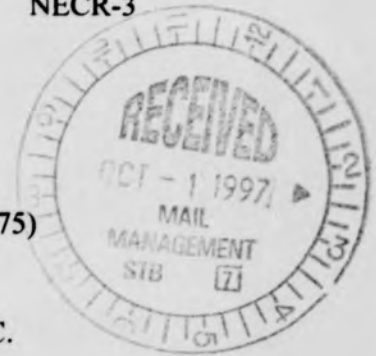
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BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

STB FINANCE DOCKET NO. 33388 (SUB-NO. 75)

NEW ENGLAND CENTRAL RAILROAD, INC.
--TRackage RIGHTS--
CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION

ENVIRONMENTAL VERIFIED STATEMENT



New England Central Railroad, Inc. ("NECR"), pursuant to Decision No. 6 (served May 30, 1997) and Decision No. 38 (served September 18, 1997), hereby submits its Environmental Verified Statement.

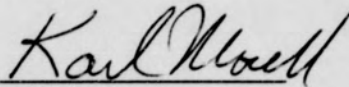
In its Description of Anticipated Responsive Application (NECR-2), NECR stated that it anticipated seeking trackage rights between Palmer, MA and New York, NY via West Springfield, MA and Selkirk, NY. The grant of these trackage rights to NECR will have no significant environmental impact.

In Decision No. 30, the Surface Transportation Board determined that NECR's proposed Responsive Application would be considered a minor transaction.

The proposed trackage rights will not result in significant changes in carrier operation. There will not be a diversion of: (1) more than 1,000 rail carloads a year to motor carriage; or (2) an average of 50 carloads per mile per year for any part of this line to motor carriage. The granting of the trackage rights will also not result in: (1) an increase in rail traffic of at least 100 percent or an increase of at least eight trains a day on any segment of the line; (2) an increase in

rail yard activity of at least 100 percent; or (3) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10 percent of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day. To the extent that the trackage rights affect a class I or nonattainment area under the Clean Air Act, they will not result in: (1) an increase in rail traffic of at least 50 percent or an increase of at least three trains a day on any segment of the line; (2) an increase in rail yard activity of at least 20 percent; or (3) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10 percent of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day. Accordingly, no environmental documentation is required for NECR's filing in this proceeding pursuant to the provisions of 49 C.F.R. 1105.6(c)(2).

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: October 1, 1997

VERIFICATION

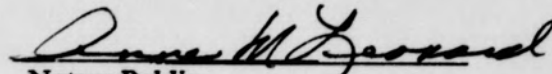
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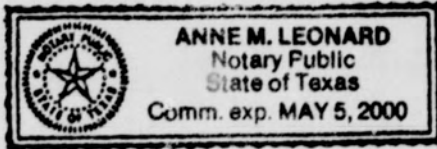
I, Bruce M. Flohr, being duly sworn depose and state that I am President of New England Central Railroad, Inc., that I am authorized to make this verification, and that I have read the foregoing Environmental Verified Statement and know the facts asserted therein are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.


Bruce M. Flohr

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 30th day of September, 1997.

My Commission Expires: MAY 5, 2000


Notary Public



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 1st day of October, 1997, I caused a copy of the foregoing Environmental Verified Statement to be served by first class mail, postage prepaid, on Administrative Law Judge Jacob Leventhal and all parties of record in STB Finance Docket No. 33388.

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